

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

~~1 MARCH 1963
TOP SECRET~~

1. Cuba

a. One of the three Soviet passenger ships now en route to Cuba, the Gruzia, arrives in Havana today. It has a normal capacity of 770, but has often carried over 1,000.

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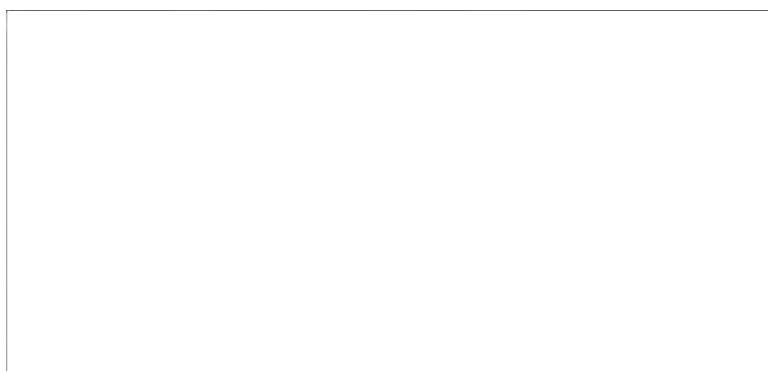
c. We have nothing new on the Khirurg Vishnevsky, now berthed at Bahia Honda, 50 miles west of Havana, and unloading what we suspect may be a military cargo.

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g. [redacted]

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[redacted] over three-fourths of those in Cuban prisons are there for political "crimes."

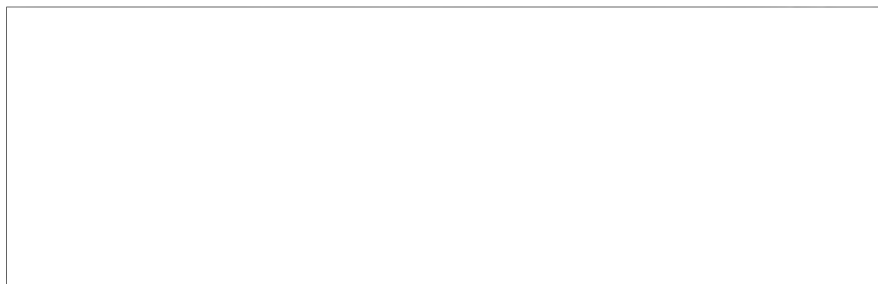
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h. Photography on 27 February shows all 42 Mig-21s for the first time gathered in one place--at Santa Clara (Camilo-Cienfuegos) airfield in central Cuba. Some fifteen of these had previously been stationed at San Antonio de los Banos, south of Havana. We have no ready explanation for this action.

2. USSR

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c. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the Navy plans to scrap over half its present submarine fleet because of age. We know that about half of the 290-odd Soviet subs now in commission are W-class, medium-size units based on World War II era design. Some are 13 years old.

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3. Test ban
Negotiations

a. A Soviet delegate in Geneva has indicated to our representatives that the USSR expects to mark time on negotiations from now until May. He said that neither the US nor the USSR wants a test ban at this time.

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4. Sino-Soviet
Dispute

a. Peiping is currently publishing (in four installments in Peoples' Daily) the longest and, from what we have so far, the most vituperative blast in the history of the Sino-Soviet dispute.

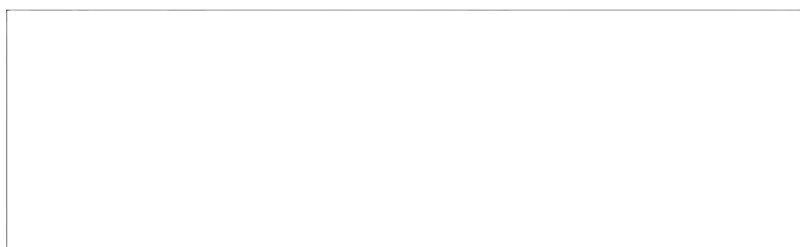
b. The article charges that some comrades hypocritically call for an end to controversy while they are really bent on continuing the public dispute. "Well, then" says Peiping, "let it continue."

c. At another point, Moscow is held to be "mortally afraid" to publicize Peiping's point of view. "They are even using a powerful station to jam our broadcasts."

5. France

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NOTES

- A. Warsaw Pact Top ranking Warsaw Pact commanders have gathered in Warsaw, probably to set training plans for this year. We look for a resumption of the ambitious exercises scheduled for last fall but put off by the Cuban crisis. 50X1
- B. West Germany-Yugoslavia West Germany has decided to take several steps to improve relations with Yugoslavia. Bonn intends to make the following approaches to the Yugoslavs within a few days: 50X1
- (a) a new offer for compensation in Nazi medical experiment cases;
 - (b) a reply to the Yugoslav note regarding the bombing last fall of the Yugoslav mission in Bonn;
 - and (c) a proposal for a German-Yugoslav commission on trade.
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F. Peru The ruling military junta may yet cancel the national election it has promised for 9 June, but preparations to hold it are still going ahead. The three leading presidential candidates who ran in 1962 have been nominated again by their respective parties, and share the ballot with one minor party candidate. If the junta allows the election, it would find a victory by the leftist, anti-Communist APRA party as unpalatable as it did in 1962 and would look for ways to prevent it.

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DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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